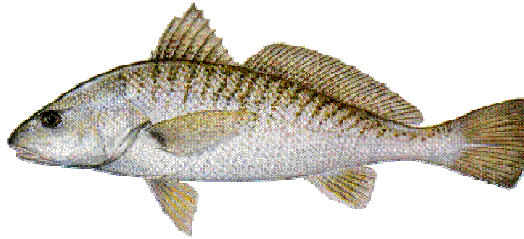


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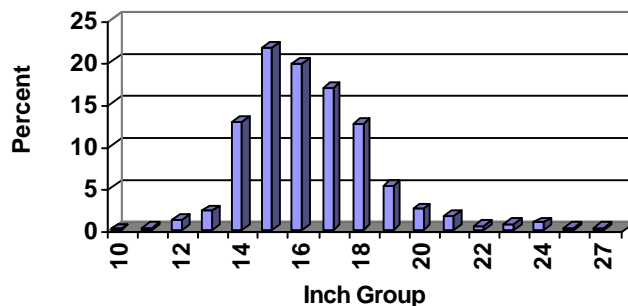
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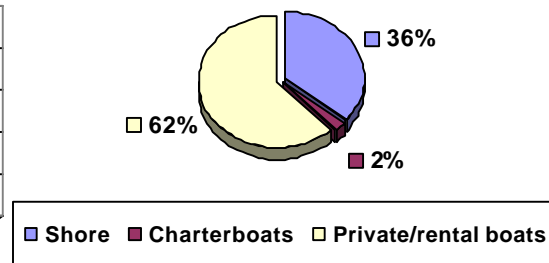


Species	Number Harvested (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
ATLANTIC CROAKER	7612	5243	7094
SPOT	3368	1283	1367
SUMMER FLOUNDER	894	1669	3557
BLACK SEA BASS	521	584	1384
STRIPED BASS	410	2643	1168

**Harvested Summer Flounder Length
Frequency**



**Saltwater Fishing Trips by Mode
1997 Total: 3.62 million**



Did You Know...?

- ★ Over 715,000 anglers participated in Virginia's recreational saltwater fishery in 1997.
- ★ Virginia anglers caught more Atlantic croaker than any other state in 1997.
- ★ MRFSS field interviewers have identified 122 species of fish caught in Virginia waters.
- ★ Over 50,000 saltwater anglers have been interviewed at Virginia fishing sites since the MRFSS began in 1979.